

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 209

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Officer Joe Frazier for his meritorious service in law enforcement with the Big Sandy Police Department.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Officer Joe Frazier is one such remarkable public servant, a voice of integrity in the Big Sandy Police Department; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 1996, Officer Joe Frazier was shot five times in the line of duty while attempting to arrest a DUI suspect; and

WHEREAS, although Officer Frazier survived the incident, his lower right leg had to be amputated as a result of his wounds and several bullet fragments still remain in his body; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Benton County, Officer Frazier previously served in law enforcement in New York before joining the Big Sandy Police Department in 1994; and

WHEREAS, throughout his excellent service as a law enforcement officer, he has adhered to the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, Officer Frazier's determination to adjust to his situation has not dwindled this outstanding gentleman's spirit to excel with his handicap; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds, Officer Joe Frazier is highly regarded as a professional and friend in Big Sandy; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Joe Frazier is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his charming wife, Joan, and their four children, Kim Rohn, Kerry Frazier, Nicki Lake and Mike Frazier; and

WHEREAS, Officer Frazier dedicated himself to the fight against crime and almost made the ultimate sacrifice of his life; and

WHEREAS, Officer Joe Frazier is the perfect example of a person totally committed to law enforcement and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Officer Joe Frazier for his meritorious service as a law enforcement officer and salute his commitment to the safety of others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby extend its best wishes for a speedy recovery to Officer Joe Frazier, one of Tennessee's most astute and dedicated law enforcement officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.